

Director's Report

June 3, 2013

- A library material lending machine has been installed in the lobby of the Columbia Neighborhood Center to serve as a mini, free-standing library to promote First 5 programs and serve families who find this location more convenient than the central library facility in Sunnyvale. The collection of books features literacy and language development materials for 0-5 year olds as well as parenting materials in English and Spanish. The project was funded by grants from First 5 Santa Clara County and the Friends of the Sunnyvale Public Library. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on June 3 and the machine is now open to the public.
- Sunnyvale Public Library has received \$7,500 in Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds through the California State Library to purchase new books. In a program called Books4U, all public libraries in California will receive one-time funds. Money will be used to purchase books to augment the following collections: Early Literacy/Parenting, Workforce Development, Non-English Language/ESL, Children's/Teen, and Popular Fiction.
- The Library's Summer Reading program began on June 1 for children (age 3 and up), teens and adults. Registration is online at sunnyvalereads.org from June 1 - July 15. Children read or listen to 10 books, teens = 9 books and adults = 5 books, and record titles on their respective reading logs. Prizes for reaching the reading goals will be awarded from Adult and Children's Services desks in August.
- Library users can request an appointment to use the 3D printer at: <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/SunnyvalePublicLibrary/Adults/3DPrinting.aspx> . Staff will contact patrons and schedule a day for them to come in and print.
 - From Art to Part: Bringing Inventions to Life* drew a large multi-generational audience of 160 on June 2. The program focused on 3D designing and printing for invention with a live demonstration by inventor Andrew Filo. The next classes for learning about 3D Printing are:
 - Talk TechShop*, June 4 at 7 p.m. Attendees will learn about the maker movement and the many do-it-yourself machines at the San Jose TechShop workshop.
 - Learn to Design with SketchUp*, June 10 at 7 p.m. The presentation will include the basics of Trimble SketchUp software for 3D modeling and printing.
- *World Journal*, a local Chinese language newspaper, interviewed staff and printed an article about Sunnyvale Library's 3D printer with photographs on May 25. *Yahoo! Inc.* ran an article on the 3D printers at both Mountain View and Sunnyvale Public Libraries on May 15. Lisa Rosenblum was interviewed on June 3 for KCBS on the 3D printer and Library technology. An interview on the Library's 3D printer with another media source, KGO, will also take place this week.
- On May 21, the Library hosted the inaugural meeting of a Science and Math Discussion Group, which is like a book discussion group on scientific topics. . The program was led by Dr. Raul Martinez, a community member who originally suggested the idea for this program. Eighteen people gathered

for Dr. Martinez' short presentation on the Higgs boson discovery, followed by a discussion of particle physics and its significance for science and daily life. Attendees signed up to lead discussions on future topics. The group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

- In collaboration with Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC), a bilingual Sunnyvale Library librarian made presentations in Spanish and English at Ellis and Lakewood schools for the past several weeks to teach parents the benefits of early literacy. The program was structured so that the parents spent time with the librarian while the students were in class; the students joined their parents when school ended for the day. The grant that CNC received paid for books which were distributed at each session.
- Sunnyvale Library participated in the Big Library Read, a two-week pilot program from the global eBook distributor Overdrive, which enabled library patrons around the world to simultaneously access and read a single eBook until June 1. The eBook, *The Four Corners of the Sky* by Michael Malone, is about love, secrets and family bonds.
- The Library hosted two stations at the City's Hands on the Arts event on May 18. The Children's Services table featured bookmarks for children to decorate and take home. Over 350 people stopped at the table. Adult Services demonstrated the 3D printer and had long lines of people curious to see the printer in action. Overall, Sunnyvale's 28th annual Hands on the Arts festival entertained 3,018 participants.

Handouts:

"California State Library's Pinterest Boards Ranked #1 on 'Most Social Media Friendly State Libraries' List", Sierra Sun Times, 5/14/13. "

"Flintco Fires Back at Palo Alto, Says City Is to Blame for Delays with Mitchell Park Library Project" by Jason Green, San Jose Mercury News, 5/23/13.

"Front-yard Libraries Turn Back Page of Time" by Ellie Van Houtte, Los Altos Town Crier, 5/15/13.

"Library Celebration on May 18 Is at the 'Heart of the Community'", by Gayathri Kanth, San Jose Mercury News, 5/14/13.

"Library Unveils Electric Vehicle Charging Stations" by Robert Haugh, The Santa Clara Weekly, 5/23/13.

"The Library's Future Is Not an Open Book" by Julie V. Iovine, The Wall Street Journal, 5/13/13.

"Santa Clara County Libraries Promote Early Literacy Skills" by Brian Babcock, San Jose Mercury News, 5/16/13.

"Sunnyvale and Mountain View Public Libraries Get 3D Printers" by Laurie Jo Miller Farr, Yahoo! Inc., 5/15/13.

"Sunnyvale Officials Seek Design Options for New Branch Library" by Alia Wilson, San Jose Mercury News, 5/30/13.

"Want to Try 3D Printing? Sunnyvale Library Has Free Service" by David Wang, World Journal, 5/25/13 (with translation).